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Applicants: Kenzo YOKOZEKI, et al.  
Filing Date: February 11, 2004  
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PRODUCING THE ENZYME AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING PEPTIDE USING THEM  
Group Art Unit: 1646  
Examiner:

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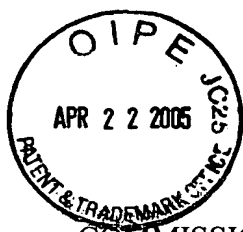
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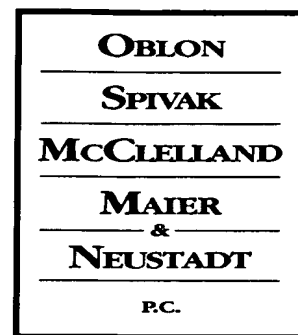
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